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### REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 15-19 and 23-31 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 32 has been canceled.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-30 are allowed. Applicant notes that although the Examiner does not indicate that claim 31 is allowed, the allowance of claim 31 is implied by the Examiner's indication that the Application is in condition for allowance except that claim 32 must be canceled. Applicant notes that claim 32 has been canceled and therefore the Application including claims 1-31 is in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-7, 15-19 and 23-31, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Laura Schillinger, Group Art Unit # 2813 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 30th day of November, 2005.



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